

To whom it may concern:

I was very troubled to read about the petition (04-160) put forward by the National Association of Broadcasters to limit the traffic and weather broadcasts via XM Radio. As a licensed amateur radio enthusiast (callsign KB7ZYC) I am very troubled by this restrictive stance and urge you to reject this petition. The quality of broadcast radio (AM and FM) has declined drastically in my lifetime to the point where nearly every local station is owned by the same corporation and plays a mix of music that I have absolutely no interest in hearing. I believe this decline in quality is directly related to the lack of free-market competition amongst broadcasters and a lack of innovation. Quite frankly, I do not believe it is the NAB's duty or the place of those corporations to tell me what I can or cannot listen to. XM Radio continues to enrich my life and the lives of my loved ones because XM can consistently deliver programming for each and every member of my extended family: from those who are 15 to those who are 65. Not having access to weather and traffic broadcasts would negatively impact my commute as well as recreational sailing and effectively rob me of valuable information that I rely on daily. I urge you to reject the tactics of the NAB to restrict what is, quite frankly, the most innovative broadcast medium I've experienced in my lifetime by allowing XM Radio to continue broadcasting what their listeners request and happily pay for.